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SUBJECT: REQUEST BY JOURNALIST FOR INTERVIEW WITH
PRESIDENT AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS

1. PETER JENKINS, PRINCIPAL POLITICAL COLUMNIST FOR "THE GUARDIAN," PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR ONE WEEK BEGINNING APRIL 18, AND WISHES TO INTERVIEW A NUMBER OF LEADING AMERICAN OFFICIALS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER ON DOWN.
2. JENKINS HAS WRITTEN JODY POWELL TO REQUEST AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. HE SUGGESTS THIS MIGHT BE SUITABLE TO PROVIDE AN ADVANCE PIECE PRIOR TO DOWNING STREET SUMMIT, WHICH GUARDIAN WOULD PUBLISH JUST BEFORE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL.
3. JENKINS HAS ALSO WRITTEN ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, WHOM HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.
4. IN ADDITION, JENKINS WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES ABOUT SALT, DETENTE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS; SOUTHERN AFRICA; AND THE MIDDLE EAST. HE HAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS INDIVIDUALS HE WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW: SECRETARY VANCE (OR OTHER SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS), SECRETARY

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OF DEFENSE BROWN, CHARLES SCHULTZE, PAUL WARNKE, AND HENRY OWEN. HE IS OPEN TO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

5. JENKINS REQUESTS THAT COMMUNICATIONS TO HIM ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS BE THROUGH GUARDIAN'S WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF JONATHAN STEELE.

6. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, JENKINS IS ONE OF MOST IN-
FLUENTIAL BRITISH POLITICAL COMMENTATORS. HE HAS
SUPERB SOURCES HERE, PRODUCES THOUGHTFUL AND BALANCED
COLUMNS, AND IS READ WITH GREAT RESPECT. HE HAS ALSO
HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES, IS
FRIENDLY, AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO USE HIS MATERIAL WELL.
IF THE PRESIDENT SHOULD WISH TO GRANT A PRE-VISIT
INTERVIEW TO A BRITISH JOURNALIST, THERE IS NO BETTER
CHOICE THAN JENKINS. WE RECOMMEND THAT EVERY EFFORT
BE MADE TO PROVIDE HIM THE BEST POSSIBLE ACCESS TO
SENIOR USG OFFICIALS DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT.

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